

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-14, 16 and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Nguyen et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, because the cited reference does not disclose (or suggest) the claimed air adjusting means having adjustable air openings in opening areas corresponding to each of the substrate units in the substrate housing part. The air adjusting means adjusts the cooling air to a volume necessary for cooling the corresponding substrate units in the substrate housing part.

The device of Nguyen et al. includes a divider mechanism 88 for separating a card cage section 82 into two channels 84 and 86. An exhaust fan tray 94 expels air from channel 86 through an exhaust opening 98 in the same direction in which the air flows in the channel.

The Examiner contends that the divider mechanism 88 of Nguyen et al. discloses the claimed air adjusting means. The divider mechanism 88 merely serves to divide one air channel 84 from another channel 86. It does not disclose (or suggest), in particular, the air adjusting means that has adjustable air openings in opening areas corresponding to each of the substrate units in the substrate housing part, as described in the claims. For this reason, claims 1-6, 8-17 and 19-22 are believed to be allowable over Nguyen et al. Claims 7 and 18 are also allowable for this reason.

Claims 4, 6, 8, 15, 17 and 19 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Nguyen et al. in view of a number of secondary references. Applicant traverses these rejections for

the reason given with respect to their respective independent claims, and for the additional features recited in these dependent claims.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. The Examiner should contact Applicants' undersigned attorney if a telephone conference would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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